



THE AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph [0027] at page 7:

[0027] The preparation of the pigment-containing microcapsules is disclosed in the co-pending applications, US Serial No. 10/335,210 (WO 03/58335), US Serial No. ~~10/335,021~~ 10/335,051 (WO 03/57360), US Serial No. 10/632,171, filed July 30, 2003, the contents of all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

Amend the paragraph [0028] at page 7:

[0028] Briefly, the pigment-containing microcapsules may be prepared by a microencapsulation process involving the use of a reactive protective colloid (or dispersion agent) to form part of the charged shell of pigment-containing microparticles or microcapsules. In the process, an internal phase dispersion comprising primary pigment particles as described above, a reactive monomer or oligomer and optionally a diluent is emulsified into a continuous phase which comprises a reactive protective colloid and a charge controlling agent (CCA) in a fluorinated solvent or solvent mixture. During the emulsification step, a hard shell is formed around the internal phase particles as a result of the interfacial polymerization/crosslinking between the reactive monomer or oligomer from the internal phase and the reactive protective colloid from the continuous phase. The process allows the pigments to be density matched to the dielectric solvent. In addition, the reactive protective colloid is chemically bonded to the surface of the microcapsules, thus stabilizing the microcapsules and also improving the switching performance and longevity of the display. A reactive CCA to chemically bond the CCA to the particles or microcapsules is also very beneficial to improve the particle size control, dispersion stability and the display longevity. Suitable reactive CCAs and protective colloids or dispersants for the preparation of pigment-containing microparticles or microcapsules are disclosed in the copending applications, US Serial No. 10/335,210 (WO 03/58335) and US Serial No. ~~10/335,021~~ 10/335,051 (WO 03/57360).